



Winter Trail Access and Condition Update January 6th – January 13th, 2022

Winter Trail Highlights

- All SnoParks on the Forest have adequate snow coverage. The general condition of the snowpack is heavy and dense. Significant recent snow has resulted in operational challenges that could impact access until crews have time to clear SnoParks and bathroom doorways. With a rain/snow mix expected over the next couple days, trail users should expect dynamic conditions and be prepared for winter travel.
- Expect moderate to heavy crowds at all developed recreation sites, especially over the weekends. **DO NOT PARK** in an illegal or unsafe location.
- Most summer trails have at least some snow. See inside for more details.
- Many area roads are closed through April 1st including the Tumalo Winter Range and those that serve as winter trails. Use a map or smart phone app to make sure you know where you are.
- Approximately 60% of the temporary signs in the Dutchman-Moon Mountain area have been installed. Many closure boundaries and some trail diamonds have yet to be installed. It is the visitor's responsibility to know where they are.
- Sno-Park permits are now required in designated Sno-Parks. Funds from permit sales are used by ODOT to plow and remove snow from SnoPark parking areas.
- Through April 30th, dogs are prohibited on the north side of Cascade Lakes Highway, including Meissner, Swampy, Vista and Dutchman Sno-Parks.
- Portions of Snowmobile Trail #3 and Snowmobile Trail #25 are closed. See inside for more details.



FS employee installing sign and map of Wilderness area. Please use a navigation app such as Avenza that has downloadable maps. Many boundaries are un-marked. It is the visitor's responsibility to know where they are.



Volunteers with Central Oregon Nordic Club removing a tree on a ski trail near Todd Lake. Groups like CONC maintain winter trails on the Forest, so visitors may have an enjoyable experience.

Special area restrictions or notations relating to the table below are as follows:

- 1 = Area/trails closed to dogs except working dogs in harness on groomed snowmobile trails and only with a permit**
- 2 = Area open to dogs**
- 3 = Area/trails closed to motorized use**
- 4 = Vehicles with trailers limited to 40' overall length**
- 5 = High to extreme use with special area/trail restrictions, see SnoPark information board, trail maps and area signing for full details. Very limited parking, try to avoid on weekends and holidays.**

Deschutes National Forest SnoPark Trail Conditions

Last Updated: January 5th, 2022

**General snow conditions: Good coverage. Recent snowfall has been wet, sticky and heavy.
Weather forecast includes a wintry mix of rain/snow.**

****Conditions subject to change without notice and at whim of nature.****

SNO-PARK NAME Designated trails or activities with numerical notations explained above	LOCATION Hwy or Road and milepost	PARK ELEV.	APPROX. SNOW DEPTH TOTAL	SNOW CONDITIONS AND SPECIAL COMMENTS
Meissner 1,3 Ski/snowshoe	HWY 46, MP 14	5,350'	36-54"	Good conditions. Area roads closed through April 1 st . No dogs.
Wanoga Snow Play 2,3,5 Sledding Groomed ski/dog trails Groomed Fatbike	HWY 46, MP 15	5,400'	60"	Good conditions. Expect heavy use all the time. Area roads closed to Hwy vehicles Dec. 1 - March 31. Pack home broken sleds and all trash.
Wanoga Snowmobile 2 Snowmobiling	HWY 46, MP 15	5,500'	60"	Good conditions. Area roads closed to Hwy vehicles Dec. 1 - March 31.
Swampy 1,3 Ski/snowshoe	HWY 46, MP 16	5,800'	60-72"	Good conditions. No dogs. Area roads closed to Hwy vehicles Dec. 1 - March 31
Vista Butte 1,3 Ski/snowshoe	HWY 46, MP 18	5,950'	60-72"	Good conditions. Area north of parking area closed to snowmobiles, use Kapka Butte or Wanoga.



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Dutchman 1 4 5 Ski/shoe/snowmobiling	HWY 46, MP 22	6,250'	84"	Good conditions. Limited parking/no overnight camping. 40' max length limit for vehicle/trailer combination. Expect heavy use all the time!
Kapka Butte 2 Snowmobiling/ski/shoe	¼ mi. south of Hwy 46, on Road 45	5,900'	60-72"	Good conditions. Area side roads closed to Hwy vehicles Dec. 1 - March 31.
Edison 2 Ski/shoe/snowmobiling	4 mi. south of Hwy 46 on Road 45	5,000'	36-54"	Good conditions. Area roads closed to Hwy vehicles Dec. 1 - March 31. There is a temporary closure on Trail 3, between junction 134 and 132, and on Trail 25, between 133 and 125B. The closure is due to logging and will be lifted when the work is complete. All other trails in the area are open.
Skyliner 2 Ski/snowshoe	Skyliner Rd MP 9	4,700'	UNK	Gate/road to Tumalo Falls is closed for the season. Road is ski/snowshoe trail.
Six Mile 2 Snowmobiling	Road 21, MP 6 East of Hwy 97	4,400'	24-36"	Marginal conditions due to low snow.
Ten Mile 2 Snowmobile/ski/shoe	Road 21, MP 10 East of Hwy 97	5,560'	36-54"	Good conditions. Road 21 beyond Ten Mile closed to vehicles for winter season.
Lower Three Creek 2 Snowmobile/Ski	Road 16, MP 8	4,400'	36-42"	Marginal conditions due to low snow. SnoPark not currently plowed due to low use and lack of funding.
Upper Three Creek 2 Snowmobile/ski/shoe	Road 16, MP 11	5,250'	60"	Good conditions. Road 16 may not be immediately plowed after a storm.
Hwy 242 (Mckenzie Pass) 2 Sno/ski/shoe	Hwy 242, MP 7 from Sisters	3,800'	UNK	Hwy closed to summer access. Parking area may not be plowed.
Crescent Junction 2 Snowmobiling	Hwy 58/Road 60 MP 1/2	4,750'	18-30"	Fair conditions with shallow coverage.
Crescent Lake 2 Snowmobiling/BC (no ski/snowshoe trails)	Hwy 58/Road 60 MP 2	4,700'	18-30"	Fair conditions with shallow coverage.
Walt Haring 2 Snowmobile/ski trails	Hwy 97, Between MP 202 and 203, north of Chemult, off FR 9772	4,800'	18-30"	Fair conditions with shallow coverage.



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For more information on winter trail grooming and maintenance, go to:

- **Meissner Nordic Club** - Ski trail grooming at Meissner – <http://www.meissnernordic.org/>
- **Central Oregon Nordic Club** - Ski/snowshoe trail maintenance on most area blue diamond trails - <http://conordicclub.org/new/>
- **DogPac** - Grooming/maintenance on ski trails open to dogs out of Wanoga Snow Play Sno-Park - <http://dogpac.org/>
- **Moon Country Snowbusters and Sisters Sno-Go-Fers Snowmobile Clubs** - Wanoga to Sisters area trail grooming – <https://mcsnowbusters.wixsite.com/website>
- **La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers Snowmobile Club** – Newberry National Volcanic Monument area trails - <http://www.lapinedodgerssnow.org/default.aspx>
- **Walker Rim Riders Snowmobile Club** - Crescent area - <http://www.walkerrimriders.com/page125235.aspx>
- **Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club** - Santiam Pass area - <http://www.mtjefferson.org/>
- **COTA Winter Fat Bike Trail Grooming** - out of Wanoga Snow Play Sno-Park, for the 2021-22 winter season as snow conditions allow.

WINTER MAP DOWNLOADS ON iPhone, ANDROID OR TABLET:

Using GPS, the Avenza Maps app works on your iPhone, Android or tablet to show your location on a map you have downloaded. You will need the Avenza Maps app on your device, which is free to download. Once the app is installed on your phone, go to...

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/maps-pubs/?cid=STELPRDB5408820>

...to download PDF winter maps directly.

Deschutes National Forest Summer Trail Conditions

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****ALL SUMMER TRAILS ARE UNDER SNOW/INACCESSIBLE, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BELOW****

Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District

- ❖ **Phil's Area Trails** – Snow, ice and mud – most trails are not rideable.
The following temporary trail closures are in effect to protect the public's safety as mastication of brush and small trees occurs:
 - Storm King Trail between the junction with Phil's Trail and Grand Slam Trail.



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Trails will be closed weekly every Monday at 12 a.m. to Friday at 3:00pm. Trails will be open Saturdays, Sundays, and all Federal Holidays. The trails will reopen when the work is completed.

E-Bikes are NOT allowed on any non-motorized trails.

For more information on COTA, go to: <http://cotamtb.com/>

- ❖ **Deschutes River Trail** – Snow, ice and mud.
- ❖ **Sun Lava Paved Path** - between Sunriver, Benham East and Lava Lands (Trailhead access points at south end of Lava Lands parking lot, Benham East or Circle 7 in Sunriver). Potential snow and ice. Heavy use on weekends.
- ❖ **Lava Lands Trails** – Potential snow and ice. Visitor Center is closed for the season. Trails and trailhead parking remain open.
- ❖ **Tumalo Creek 2 Trail** – Snow, ice and mud. Hiker only.
- ❖ **Fall River Trail** – Snow, ice and mud.
- ❖ **Horse Butte to Swamp Wells area trails** – Snow, ice and mud.
- ❖ **Peter Skene Ogden Trail** – Snow, ice and mud. Deep snow above McKay.
- ❖ **Lava Cast Forest Trailhead** – Likely significant snow.
- ❖ **Hoffman Island Trailhead** – Likely significant snow.

Sisters Ranger District:

- ❖ **Metolius River Trails** – Snow, packed snow and ice.
- ❖ **Suttle Lake Trail** – Deep snow.
- ❖ **Lake Creek Trail** – Snow, packed snow and ice.
- ❖ **Whychus Creek** – Snow, packed snow and ice. **Please, stay on the main designated trail and avoid using posted and closed social trails in restoration sections.**
- ❖ **Whychus Overlook Trail** (barrier free, closed to stock and bikes) – Snow, packed snow and ice. Please stay on designated trails. Enjoy the newly constructed vault toilet!
- ❖ **Peterson Ridge Trails** – Snow, ice and mud.

JANUARY SPECIAL TRAIL EVENTS:

None scheduled that I'm aware of.



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SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURES/OPENINGS:

Hwy 46	CLOSED at West Village.
FR 370	CLOSED for the winter season.
Tumalo Falls Road (FR 4603)	CLOSED for the winter season.
FR 21	CLOSED (at Ten Mile SnoPark) for the winter season.
Hwy 242	CLOSED for the winter season.
FR 16	CLOSED at Upper Three Creeks SnoPark.
FR 60	CLOSED for the winter season.

“LEAVE NO TRACE” REMINDER:

PLEASE, PRACTICE THE SEVEN LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPALS:

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Dispose of Waste Properly

Leave What You Find

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Respect Wildlife

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

For details on the 7 LNT Principals: <http://lnt.org/learn/7-principles>

TEN ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS – WHAT TO ALWAYS HAVE WITH YOU ON THE TRAIL

For details on the “Ten Essential **Systems**”:

http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/ten+essentials.html?s_kwcid=TC|13029|ten%20essentials||S|p|7499840765&cm_mmc=ps_google_CH-_-Category%20-%20Camp%2fHike-_-Camping%2fHiking_GeneralTerms_Essentials-_-ten%20essentials&gclid=CNq_h8Xbsq4CFQN8hwodYhH-PQ

WILDERNESS PERMITS:

The 2021 Central Cascade Wilderness permit season is over. More information about the program is below.



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Beginning in summer of 2021, Wilderness permits were required at 19 trailheads for day use and all trailheads for overnight use in the Mt Jefferson, Mt Washington and Three Sisters wildernesses from **May 28 to September 24, 2021**. Annually, the permit season will begin the Friday before Memorial Day and end the last Friday in September. To learn more about the Wilderness Permit program, go here:

[Willamette National Forest - Home \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/willamette-national-forest)

How do I get a permit?

Permit reservations can be made through **recreation.gov**, either online or over the phone. Go to:

[Recreation.gov - Camping, Cabins, RVs, Permits, Passes & More](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/cabins/rvs/permits-passes-more)

Then put "Central Cascades Wilderness" in the search and all options will show.

Permit reservations opened on April 6th, 2021. Every year the reservation period will open on the first Tuesday in April. Most permits, 50-80%, only become available 7 days prior to the hike.

For further information on Deschutes National Forest winter or summer trails, please call:

Deschutes National Forest Headquarters: (541) 383-5300

Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District: (541) 383-4000

Sisters Ranger District: (541) 549-7700

Crescent Ranger District: (541) 433-3200

Find this weekly trail access and condition report on the Deschutes National Forest website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/home/?cid=stelprdb5347630>